

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An enquiry face image shot by a video camera and the like is collated with face image data converted into database. The data converted into the database are three-dimensional shape data of surfaces of faces and color image data. Shooting conditions (an angle and lighting directions) of the enquiry image are supplied to the data, and thereby a color image of each person's face from the database in accordance with the shooting conditions is generated. By comparing the color image with the enquiry image, the collation is implemented.